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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004 <i>Patent fees are subject to annual revision</i>		Complete if Known				
		<i>Application Number</i>	10/807,091			
		<i>Filing Date</i>	March 23, 2004			
		<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Darryl A. Bourgoyne			
		<i>Examiner Name</i>	Hoang C. Dang			
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1003	\$530	2003	\$265	Plant Filing Fee	\$
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1403	\$ 290	2403	\$ 145	Request for oral hearing	\$
1452	\$ 110	2452	\$ 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	\$
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1501	\$1,330	2501	\$ 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	\$
1502	\$ 480	2502	\$ 240	Design issue fee	\$
1503	\$ 640	2503	\$ 320	Plant issue fee	\$
1460	\$ 130	1460	\$ 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	\$
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1801	\$ 770	2801	\$ 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$
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In re Applicant:	§ Conf. No.: 3844
Darryl A. Bourgoyne, et al.	§
Filed: March 23, 2004	§ Art Unit: 3672
Serial No.: 10/807,091	§ Examiner: Hoang C. Dang
For: Method and System for Return of Drilling Fluid From a Sealed Marine Riser to a Floating Drilling Rig While Drilling	§ Docket No.: H055010.0050US0 § Customer No.: 1200

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT